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**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

ADA Schmidt-

I looked up my notes for [REDACTED] but I did not get the total net weight of the marijuana in the 13 plastic bags since the new marijuana law did not take affect until January 2, 2009, and this submission was brought to the lab on December 17, 2008. I did, however, get the total gross weight of the marijuana in the 13 bags (542.61g) as well as the gross weight of the bag I analyzed (133.30g). The bag I analyzed was a gallon-size Ziploc pb. I've looked though my notes for the past year and found 12 times that I analyzed and calculated the net weight of a sample with vegetable matter (marijuana) in a gallon-size Ziploc pb. The average weight of the empty gallon-size Ziploc pbs was 9.37g (range = 7.90g to 11.10g). Even assuming that the weight of the gallon-size Ziploc pb that I analyzed in [REDACTED] is 3 times the high end of the range, the net weight of the marijuana in the one bag I analyzed is still 100g -- way over the ounce limit (28.35g), but definitely under the 50lb trafficking limit. Plus, with 13 bags, I would assume that this would be a distribution case, with penalties higher than that of simple possession.

I hope that this has helped. If you need the exact net weight of all 13 bags, the submission will need to be resubmitted to the lab through the Springfield PD. Please feel free to contact me should you have any more questions. Thank you.

-Sonja

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**From:** Schmidt, Robert (WES)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2011 2:39 PM  
**To:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Hi Sonja,

I have a motion to suppress coming up on Tuesday 4.20.11 on an older case: [REDACTED] I have a drug cert from you marked as no. [REDACTED] Would you be able to tell me the total weight of the marijuana contained in the 13 plastic bags?

Thanks.

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